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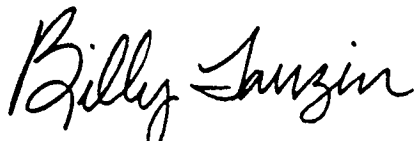
The Honorable David M. Walker
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 U.S. General Accounting Office
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Dear Mr. Walker:

We are writing in reference to a request that has been made of the General Accounting Office (GAO) in recent months. Representative John Dingell requested in letters of April 11, 2000 and July 11, 2001 that the GAO assess the systems capacity and security of the U.S. stock and options markets, as well as SEC oversight of capacity planning and security issues.

The terrorist attacks of last year have raised a number of issues that fall under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and because of these concerns, we would like to be included as co-requesters for these studies. Thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,



W.J. "Billy" Tauzin
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